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The Honorable Rudy Bermúdez
Assembly Member, Fifty-Sixth District
PO Box 942849
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Dear Assembly Member Bermúdez:

I am writing on behalf of the California Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee in support of Assembly Bill 226. Your bill requires the creation of an Automotive Career and Technical Education Account which would be funded by a portion of the Bureau of Automotive Repair's reserve fund. These funds would allow the reimbursement to secondary educational institutions and community colleges for automotive technology education purchases.

The rapid proliferation of technology used in today's complex vehicles requires ever-increasing training requirements for both Smog Check technicians and automotive repair technicians. These reimbursements could improve and expand the educational opportunities available to the automotive industry.

Although we support your bill, we respectfully suggest one minor amendment to clarify the intent. Section 9889.26 (a) of the bill allocates \$100K for BAR's use to administer the program. We suggest that language be included to require that BAR allocate a staff position to assist the BAR Advisory Group (BAG) in discharging their responsibilities since the BAG is charged with significant review accountability.

If we can be of any assistance as this bill progresses through the Legislature, please contact our Executive Officer at (916) 322-8249. Thank you for your efforts to improve and expand automotive technical training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Weisser'.

Victor Weisser
Chairman